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Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize that the rank of Eagle Scout is a performance-based achievement, the proud standards of which have been well maintained for many years; and

Whereas, Patrick Joseph Burks of St. Louis, Missouri, will receive the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony to be held on August 12, 2007, at St. Gerard Majella Church; and

Whereas, Patrick, a member of Boy Scout Troop 685, successfully met the requirements to attain Eagle status by completing his Eagle project which involved building and installing a work station in the tech booth at Parkway South Middle School; and

Whereas, during his nine years in Scouting, Patrick mastered several challenging and diverse skills to earn the Arrow of Light, twenty-one merit badges, the Mile Swim award, the Ad Altare Dei award, and membership in the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, Patrick demonstrated his capability and willingness to exert leadership by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

Whereas, the son of Michael and Lisa Burks, Patrick developed immense personal growth and fitness by participating in the many assorted activities the Boy Scouts offers, some of which include completing National Leadership Training, attending S-F Scout Ranch and the Woodruff Scout Reservation in Georgia, and going on a High Adventure trip to the Florida Sea Base; and

Whereas, Patrick's attainment of the Eagle rank will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that required considerable dedication and effort:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Patrick Burks for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the rank of Eagle and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eagle Scout Patrick Joseph Burks.

Offered by
Representative Rick Stream District No. 94
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, decertify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4331, adopted July 27, 2007.
Rod Jetton, Speaker